

MINUTES OF MARCH 7th, 1921.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Board of Public Works in Baltimore, Union Trust Building, Monday, March 7th, 1921, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
E. Brooke Lee, Comptroller,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The minutes of the meetings of February 28th and March 2nd were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from the Comptroller enclosing bill of Susanna C. Condon for \$448.11 for the ground rent due on the State Tobacco Warehouse. The Secretary was directed to pay the bill from the appropriation for that purpose to the credit of the Board of Public Works.

The Secretary informed the Board of Public Works that he had notified Henry M. Warfield to renew the policies of insurance aggregating \$123,700.00 placed on the buildings at the Maryland House of Correction. At General Warfield's suggestion, these policies were made to run for a term of three (3) years, the change in rate making the three year policies more advantageous than five years as formerly.

The Secretary reported the receipt of check for \$117.25 from *msd.* Foster Brothers Manufacturing Company in payment of cots sold in August 1920 by the War Camp Community Service. The Secretary was directed to send the check to the Comptroller.

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following letters from Hon. William Milnes Maloy, Chairman of the Public Service Commission: *msd.*

"PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
Munsey Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

March 4th, 1921.

Hon. Philip B. Perlman,
Secretary of State,
Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Chief Engineer of the Commission in the matter of the property on North Avenue owned by the State.

We are of the opinion that the Report answers the inquiries directed to us by your letter of March 1st, 1921.

If any further investigation be necessary in your judgment, or in that of the members of the Board of Public Works, the Commission and its staff are at your service.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) W. M. Maloy,

Chairman.

Memo.

Baltimore, March 3, 1921.

Hon. Wm. Milnes Maloy, Chairman,

Replying to Mr. Perlman's letter of March 1st, handed me

yesterday, in regard to the paving of North Avenue, adjacent to the property owned by the State at the corner of North and Maryland Avenues, wish to advise that I have had this matter investigated, and find that the Gas Company has several service connections from a main on North Avenue which were used in connection with buildings which formerly occupied the portion of the State property fronting on North Avenue. It reports, however, that the services are quite old, and in all probability would have to be relaid, should any development of this property be undertaken in the future. In view of the fact that we have no idea as to the location of any buildings which might be placed on this property, it would seem inadvisable to have the Gas and Electric Company make any installation at this time.

The City Water Department has a large main located on North Avenue, also one on Maryland Avenue, from which latter main, connection could readily be made with any buildings which might be constructed on the above mentioned property.

The Sewer Department also has a number of connections which formerly served the buildings on this property, but which may have to be changed in case the property should be developed.

In view of the uncertainty as to what use may be made of this property, the City does not feel that the matter is of sufficient importance to require any installations either for water or sewers at this time.

The idea in notifying the Board of Public Works that North Avenue would be repaved, was to allow all owners of property the privilege of having the necessary installations made, so as to avoid disturbing improved pavements. This applied particularly to developed property, where changes might be found necessary in the near future.

Under the circumstances it seems questionable whether any expenditures should be made at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. F. Strouse,

Chief Engineer.

After considering the above report, the Board directed the Secretary to notify the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company in the City of Baltimore that it does not desire to have any installations of gas, water or sewer pipes made at this time.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, informing the Board that the Institution will need the \$2,975.00 received from fire insurance policies for the construction of a new barn. The Secretary was directed to notify Dr. Cullen that the funds are available whenever needed for the purposes outlined in his letter.

The Secretary reported receipt of letter from Ignatius Bjorlee, Principal of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, requesting that the money allotted to his institution from the proceeds of the sale of the Construction Loan Bonds be turned over to his institution at once. The Governor also reported the receipt of the following communication:

"MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF,

Frederick, Md., March 4, 1921.

Board of Public Works, Governor's Office,
Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sirs:

In a communication from the Secretary of State, Philip B.

Perlman, I am informed that the appropriation for the construction of Boilers and Heating Plant, at the Maryland State School, is now available. The improvements, viz: Two 150 h. p. Kewanee boilers, together with complete equipment in the power plant, and conduit leading from same to the main building were completed some time ago, as the work had to be done during the summer months while the children were absent.

In accordance with contract the payments had to be met some time ago; hence the Board of Visitors authorized the Executive Committee to make a loan until such time as the appropriation should become available. The sum of this loan is now past due; and we are anxious to settle the matter, as far as possible, at once. To this end, we are requesting that the sum appropriated be forwarded at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Ignatius Bjorlee,

Principal.

The Secretary was directed to make out a voucher for the payment to the Maryland State School for the Deaf of \$18,957.89 being the pro rata share of the appropriation of \$20,000.00 made to the Maryland State School for the Deaf under Chapter 727 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1920.

The Secretary was directed to notify Clarence W. Perkins, Secretary of the Maryland Training School for Boys, to prepare plans and estimates for the road construction authorized by Chapter 727 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1920, and to submit such plans and estimates to the Board for its approval.

The Secretary reported the following policies of insurance will expire during the month of March:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Date expiring</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agent</u>
Md. House of Correction	March 7th	\$123,700.00	Henry M. Warfield
State House	March 9th	130,000.00	Matthews & Co., Cambridge
Court of Appeals Bldg.	March 9th	15,000.00	"
State House	March 10th	10,000.00	"
State Normal School, Towson	March 14th	499,900.00	
		Riall-Jackson	\$279,810.
		Wheeler & Cole	101,900.
		G.A.Dailey & Co.	118,190.
			<u>\$499,900.</u>
State Normal School No. 2, Frostburg	March 18th	5,000.00	J.B.Oder, Frostburg
Montrose Property, or Md. Industrial School for Girls	March 31st	36,200.00	H.L.Spear & Co., Baltimore.

The Secretary was directed to place \$100,000.00 of insurance on the State House through J. H. C. Legg and Son, Agents, Centreville, of the American Alliance Insurance Company; \$51,900.00 of insurance on the State Normal School at Towson through Messrs. Wheeler and Cole; and \$279,810.00 of insurance on the State Normal School at Towson through Riall-Jackson Company, together with \$168,190.00 of insurance on the State Normal School at Towson, \$40,000.00 of insurance on the State House, and \$15,000.00 of insurance on the Court of Appeals Building through Messrs. Riggs, Rossmann and Hunter, Agents, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Secretary was directed to notify the agents that the Board desired to place the above insurance for a term of three years.

It was resolved by the Board that the \$473,747.30 deposited in the Union Trust Company on February 28th, being proceeds of the

sale of bonds authorized by Chapter 727 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1920, shall be withdrawn from the Union Trust Company only on checks signed by the Secretary or any member of the Board of Public Works, and countersigned by any member of the Board of Public Works.

The Board approved the payment of the following bills by the Secretary:

March 1, 1921;

Rent of Baltimore Offices.

Central Purchasing Bureau, February ----- \$ 166.66

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By order of the Board of Public Works assigning \$2,000.00 per annum from the above appropriation of the Board for the rent of the Central Purchasing Bureau, montly payment therefor to be in advance.

State Insurance.

To Riggs, Rossmann and Hunter, Inc., insurance on buildings and furniture of Maryland Industrial and Normal School at Jericho Park, for one year from February 12, 1921 ----- 542.80

To Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Baltimore.

Rent of Safety Deposit Boxes from February 17, 1921 to February 17, 1922 ----- 350.00

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Philip B. T. Tuman
Secretary to the Board.